

## Margaret Mullins from Atlanta, Georgia – Family Living in Egypt

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Margaret Mullins:

The conversations I had with my host family, I mean I got to a point with them where we discussed really contentious political issues and it was at the time when the war was going on between Hezbollah and Israel and so there were Lebanese refugees coming to the city and so there were a lot of things going on and had my family not spoken English I wouldn't have been able to have those conversations. So it ended up sacrificing some of the proficiency that I would have gained, but I got so much out of it in terms of political and cultural awareness that I wouldn't have otherwise. In the end, I think it was, I think it was to my benefit.